Institute for Disaster Management in Bhopal

†2566. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal/recommendations to establishing a Biological Institution for the long term study and research on ill effects of Bhopal Gas tragedy and to set up a national level institution for Disaster Management in Bhopal has been received by Government;

(b) if so, by when Government are going to take decision in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor by Government despite the fact that Bhopal suffered the most frightening Industrial accident Bhopal Gas tragedy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) The proposal for establishing a Biological Institute has been received with the request that it could be funded from the unspent money lying with Reserve Bank of India out of the compensation money given by the Union Carbide Company. According to Supreme Court directions, the money received from the Union Carbide is earmarked for paying compensation to the Bhopal Gas victims. All the compensation claims have not yet been decided. On the proposal of setting up a National level institution on Disaster Management, the State Government has been advised to take up the matter with the concerned Ministry in the Central Government.

FPI delegations abroad

2567. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delegations connected with Food Processing Industries were sent to foreign countries during the last two years, for co-operation and development, in view of the growing global competition in the Food Processing Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what subjects of mutual interest were discussed with them;

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